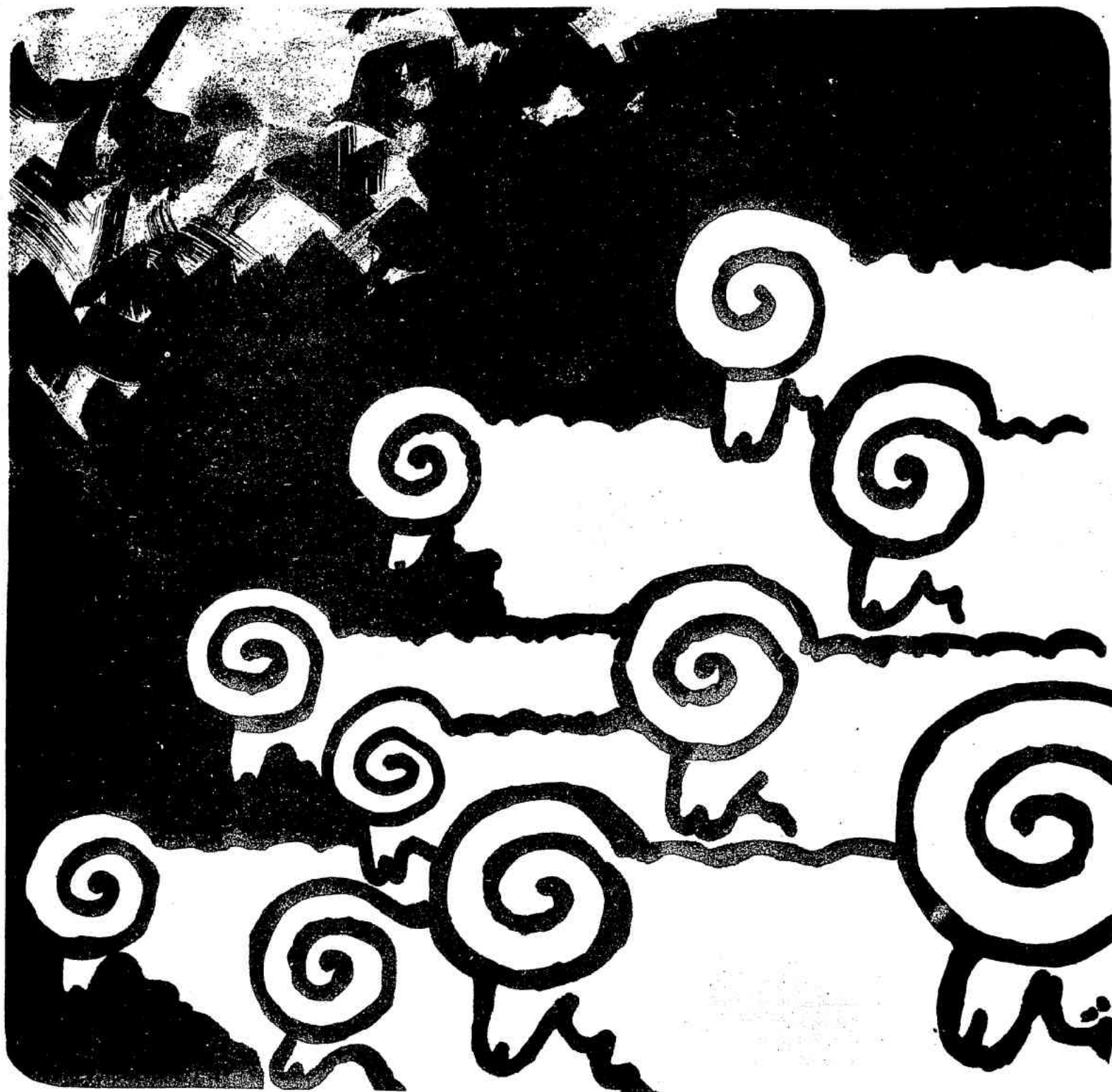

WORONI

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**...don't go like sheep
to the slaughter**

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student-bashing, resistance

In the fifth annual John Curtin Memorial Lecture at the ANU on Monday October 14, Professor L.F. Crisp saw fit to mount an unrestrained attack on the student body of this university.

His lecture was a demeaning *ad hominem* attack on elected representatives of the student body. This wildly subjective diatribe from a man who preaches the virtues of 'value-free' political science included references to 'disaffected darlings' of the 'gin and Jaguar belts' and 'marxists with grammar-school accents' (I wonder why universities don't produce marxists with working-class accents?) and characterised the students of this university as being easily manipulated by a 'small politically motivated group'.

Professor Crisp has clearly delineated the thinking of the mandarins who maintain a political stranglehold over this university. In particular, he expressed the contempt of many academics for the ability of students to think for themselves, a contempt which tinges every aspect of university education.

AN APOLOGY, PROFESSOR CRISP

We would point out to Professor Crisp that if there have been any 'leaders' in the student campaign for a greater say in the affairs of the ANU, they have been the democratically elected representatives of the Students' Association. Support for the campaign in 1974 - participation in meetings and occupations - has extended far beyond office-bearers of the Students' Association. The successful occupations of early 1974 demonstrated that there is widespread support among students for basic educational change. The implication that these participants are mindless automatons in the Svengali-like grip of 'middle-class

marxists' is insulting. If Professor Crisp wishes to pursue his claim that the Students' Association leadership is unrepresentative he must either say that their election was not properly conducted and substantiate that claim or that ANU students at large are stupid.

Either way he owes an apology to the Students' Association of this University.

RESISTANCE

It is no coincidence that Professor Crisp's attack occurred at the end of third term when most students are caught in the bind of their political commitment and their personal need to return to ANU in 1975 (or complete their course). The education campaign has failed to realise its aims in 1974 to the extent that it has not been capable of organising tangible resistance to the compulsory examination system (although in many subjects we have felt the benefit of alternatives as a result of the campaign). This is no reason why we should go like sheep to the slaughter. Stickers have been printed by the Students' Association (see below) to enable students to express their personal opposition to exams. They are worded in such a way that those who do not oppose exams for themselves but recognise the injustice of others being compelled to sit for them can apply them to the dreaded document in solidarity. A silent picket has also been organised to take place outside the first examination in Melville Hall on Thursday 30 October from 9 am - 9.45 am.

If anything, the liberalisation of existing examinations merely heightens their absurdity. If, as is now the case in some exams, one can take notes and books to the examination room, why pursue the farce? The

contradiction lies in the specific traditional examination properties that remain, especially the time limit. Thus the 'new' 'enlightened' 'open' exam is now exposed as an essay-writing race.

THE COMPETITIVE ETHOS

If 1974 is to be the last year of the compulsory examination system, students should think long and hard about tactics for 1975. Why is it that those of us who have participated in the campaign are nevertheless sitting for exams, even if resentfully? One answer is that we are all victims of the competitive mentality. Why, for example, are so many students unwilling to circulate their essays, not only to compare and demystify academic assessment but also to widen the common store of knowledge? We should consider, too, the establishment of study collectives at course level where students can honestly talk out the problems of courses and discuss them for their own sake, free of the heavy pedagogic hand of academic paternalists/maternalists and god professors. Ultimately, such collectives could produce course critiques and/or write counter-courses capable of challenging the cultural hegemony of the mandarins.

The 1974 experience for those who are committed to educational change has been one of constant frustration. Reasoned arguments being initially ignored, we have learnt that militant tactics represent the only language that the administration of this university understands. Once gained, concessions won by direct action are then eroded as rapidly as possible by an administration ably abetted by a number of conservative departments. In the light of this continual pattern of frustration 1974 should be seen as the prelude to an unremitting campaign for educational change in 1975.

A NEWSFLASH FROM FRIENDS OF THE EARTH:

Nuclear Safety Expert Quits AEC, Joins Opposition

Carl J. Hocevar, AEC reactor safety expert, left the AEC to work for the Union of Concerned Scientists. On Monday 22 September, Hocevar announced that 'in spite of the soothing reassurances that the AEC gives to an uninformed, misled public, unresolved questions about nuclear power plant safety are so grave that the US should consider a complete halt in nuclear power plant construction while we see if these serious questions can, somehow, be resolved.' Hocevar denounced the AEC's use of 'shaky and unproved computer predictions as a basis for answering such vital questions as the effectiveness of reactor safety systems in preventing catastrophic accidents.' At the Idaho Falls National Reactor Testing Station, Hocevar developed the AEC's method for analyzing the heatup of a nuclear reactor core during a loss-of-coolant accident. While he is not the only Idaho Falls engineer to leave his job in a safety dispute with the AEC, he is the first to do so and then join with the country's anti-nuclear movement.

A LETTER TO WORONI

Dear Sir,
Next year those students supported by parents may have more difficulty in getting

cash from home. Why? Because the government has decided to use parents of university students as a source of extra funds. How? By forcing down the tax deduction for student expenses from \$400 to \$150 per annum against the advice of the caucus economic subcommittee. What to do? University parents lack an organisation to speak for them so this time any measures will have to be taken by the students themselves - especially by those on the spot in Canberra in a position to make their protests heard. *William J. Charlton (parent)*

CLASSIFIED

Wanted to rent. 3 bed-roomed house. Will take over lease. Ph.832048 b.h.

S.A. NOTICES

Election Results 1975

President: J. Roe
Treasurer: D. White
AUS Secretary: R. Arden
Trustee: M. Dunn

Election(?) of Vice-Chancellor

The Vice-Chancellor should be elected openly by the whole University and each candidate should present a policy. On this basis nominations are invited from any person. These will be forwarded to Council. The ANUSA Committee on the Vice-Chancellor, J. Roe, A. Murray-Jones, and M. Dunn will meet at 1.00 pm 4 November in the SA Office. All welcome.

Michael Dunn
President



ANARCHIST/LIBERTARIAN SELF-MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE

People from all over Australia and New Zealand are circulating papers, proposals, ideas, criticisms, etc., in a discussion magazine as preparation for a week-long Workshop Conference, to be held in Sydney, commencing Sunday, January 5 1975. The Workshop/Conference will consider, among other things, the possibility of forming an Australasian Federation. If you are interested in the magazine and/or the Workshop/Conference, please contact:

Federation of Australian Anarchists, P.O. Box 45, North Richmond, 3121.

Sydney Anarchists, Box 131, The Union, Sydney University, 2006.

Self Management Group, P.O. Box 332, North Quay, 4000.

Self Management Group, P.O. Box 67, North Adelaide, 5006.

Self Management Group, P.O. Box 61, Inglewood, 6052.

Canberra Anarchists, c/- P.O. Box 4, Canberra, 2601.

Armidade Anarchists, c/- SRC, UNE, 2351.

Woodstock Anarchist Party, 34 Kennedy Terrace, Launceston, 7250.

Examination stickers

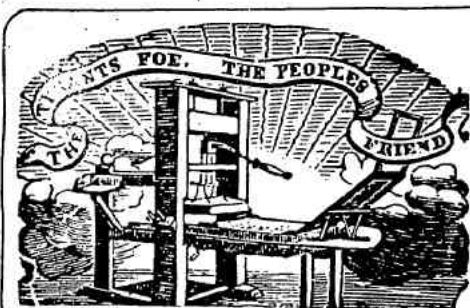
Stickers with the following text are available at the SA office. Assistance is needed to make these available to all examinees. A meeting to organise this distribution will be held on Wednesday 30 October at 1 pm. If you can't attend, but wish to help, call at the SA office.

This exam is not a fair and fruitful means of assessment for all students in this unit and is not an integral part of the education process and therefore I believe this form of assessment should be non-compulsory in 1975.

I am sitting this exam in 1974 only under protest, because no creative alternatives have been allowed for those students who desire them.

A silent picket has also been organised outside the first exam in Melville Hall at 9-9.45 am on Thursday 31 October.

SILENT PROTEST PICKET/MELVILLE HALL 9- 9.45am/THURSDAY 31



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Despite increasing international tensions, despite the increasing national consciousness of the Australian people, American installations have been shrouded by secrecy, evasion and deception by Australian governments. Therefore many people are surprised to know that there are 25 American installations in Australia, which include Pine Gap, North West Cape and several sites in the A.C.T. (Orroral Valley, Tidbinbilla, etc.). Moreover the US has asked to install an Omega very low frequency navigation station in Australia, approval for which will probably be given later this year.

Most of the installations have some strategic significance, since very few military activities are carried on independently of each other.

North West Cape US Communication Station Harold E. Holt, commissioned in 1967, is presently one of the most important links in the US military network. The main purpose of the base is to maintain reliable communications with US submarines in the Indian and West Pacific Oceans

U.S. BASES

— breaking the international chain

Michael Dunn ANU Anti-Foreign

Military Bases Group

and US nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines.¹ The station is divided into three main areas: A, B, and C. Area A encompasses the very low frequency facility which has the primary function of submarine communication. Area B is the high frequency site which transmits to the US Seventh Fleet as well as to bases in Guam, the Philippines and Ethiopia. Area C is the main receiver site of the base. Informed sources state that 'classified messages to Polaris/Poseidon submarines deployed in the Indian Ocean are sent from this station',² and in response to the arms race with the USSR this deployment is likely to increase. One recent example of N.W. Cape's importance was its crucial role in the American mining of Haiphong in 1972.³

The Pine Gap facility, operational in 1969, is 12 miles southwest of Alice Springs. It has four radomes (containing antennae) and an enormous computer room (210 sq. ft.). This base is responsible for the reception of extremely precise spy-satellite information, the command of early warning satellites, and the development of military technology in the arms race. The US government sees this base as part of the most important system on which it relies for early warning of missile attack.⁴ But more importantly, the new preparations for nuclear war require Pine Gap's precision pin-pointing of targets and its assess-

ment of events.

Nurrungar, located within the Woomera restricted area 300 miles northwest of Adelaide, is the principal American military satellite communications ground station in the southern hemisphere. It has an alarm function, like Pine Gap, as well as the task of sending pictures back to the USA from the Big Bird satellite and others in the region. Its location in Australia places it ideally for receiving pictures immediately the satellites have passed over China.

How do these bases fit into the global pattern of super-power politics? Both super-powers are arming themselves not just with more destructive weapons but with more accurate ones to develop a

the 1973 October Middle East war. At least some of Pine Gap's pictures were passed on to the Israelis, thus making rubbish of the government's declared neutral approach. Even our neighbours are suspicious of the bases; a condition of Indian discussion of an Indian Ocean



first strike capacity against prime military targets. The US is on the defensive, and the USSR is flexing its muscles. Schlesinger admitted in public that his new plans for limited exchange of remote targets made nuclear war more likely,⁵ a prospect emphasised since the loss of credibility of US forces in Vietnam.

There are also other factors which contribute to a less stable relationship between the two super-powers. The development of submarine-launched missiles can reduce reaction time from about 25 minutes to practically nil, so long as very accurate communications and navigational aid is sent to the submarines through the co-ordination of Pine Gap, N.W. Cape and the Omega system. Moreover, Australian stations can cut the time for the transmission of satellite information from one hour for the USSR to 10-20 minutes for the USA. Not only does this impose upon us the burden of partial responsibility for the new war preparations, but it renders these bases targets in their own right.⁶

Finally, we must assess our own position as a country striving for independence. Without our knowledge or consent the bases have been used in the mining of Haiphong, the bombing of Cambodia, and in the alert two weeks prior to the US general alert in

peace zone was the expulsion of N.W. Cape. We should equally and especially suspect such innocent beginnings as the Soviet seismic station in Tasmania.

On balance, foreign military bases destabilise the Soviet-American relationship, drag us willy-nilly into super-power rivalries with our eyes and options closed, and weaken still further Australia's independence. Thus all of them should be removed.

- 1 Welcome Aboard (booklet for new NW Cape personnel), pp. 6,8,10-11.
- 2 Centre for Defense Information, *Defense Monitor*, vol. 3, no. 3, April 1974.
- 3 Frank Cranston, 'Value of Base to US Operations', *Canberra Times*, 12/4/73, p. 11.
- 4 Secretary for Defense, *Annual Defense Dept. Report, FY 1975*, US Govt Printer, Washington D.C., 1974.
- 5 'Nuclear War Risk in US Plans', *Australian*, 9/2/74, p. 8.
- 6 Many sources including *Pravda*: 5/1/68, p. 5; 28/4/69, p. 5; 5/8/68, p. 5.

There are two groups active in Canberra in the national campaign against foreign military bases, one for the ANU and one for the A.C.T. The next meeting of the A.C.T. Anti-Foreign Military Bases Group will be held on Sunday 3 November at 3.00 pm in the Studio Room of the Griffin Centre. The meeting will be chaired by Mr Ken Fry. All welcome.

Benjamin Britten at the Playhouse

Ken Healey

The classic Henry James ghost story 'The Turn of the Screw' is playing this week at the Playhouse as an opera. It is a production with more than the usual ANU degree of participation: one of the singers, almost the whole stage crew and set makers are full-time members of the university.

With just four adults (two of whom are ghosts) and two children in the cast the opera is an ideal size for the Playhouse. Supernatural effects are heightened by Peter Cooke's set, and the whole piece is played behind a thin gauze, to provide a spine-chilling experience for audiences.

The opera is to be produced by John Tasker of Sydney who has also

produced the stage play 'The Boys in the Band' and Menotti's opera 'The Medium' in Canberra. John will also produce 'The Turn of the Screw' for New Opera in Adelaide next year.

The Opera will also see the return of conductor John Bacon from the NSW Conservatorium of Music. Mr Bacon previously conducted Malcolm Williamson's opera 'The Red Sea' during the recent Canberra Spring Festival and 'Dunstan and the Devil' last year for the Canberra Opera Society.

At \$2.50 for students it's a highly recommended examination-time diversion. Guess who dies at the end? A student, or a teacher?

The Turn of the Screw



Canberra Opera Society presents Britten's opera, based on Henry James' ghost story. (As a film it was called 'The Innocents') with Robert Gard (Courtesy of The Australian Opera), Janetta Haskell, Janet Allan, Joan Richards, and of course, The Children.

Producer: JOHN TASKER
Musical Director: JOHN BACON
PLAYHOUSE 8pm Oct. 29, 30, Nov. 1, 2

Tickets \$4.50, Concessions \$2.50.
Party concessions

Tickets: Canberra Theatre and agencies.

trucking around

Who said it? '... the Labor Party has adopted a policy of day to day objectives strictly within the capitalist status quo. In other words the Labor Party is the 'left wing' capitalist party and is not a socialist party at all.' — V.I. Lenin? No — J.F. Cairns, *Meanjin*, Winter 1947.

Bibliophiles thwarted. How many students are satisfied with the services offered by the Chifley library?

A shortage of standard texts on the open shelves, a general shortage of books, inadequate, overpriced and ecologically wasteful photo-copying facilities, catalogued works that are just 'lost' and a lack of ancillary food and drink services for the long hours when union services are shut, all add up to a woefully lacking library service.

Academic appendages. Perhaps the allegedly ultra-democratic types who produce *Res Publica* would care to append their names to that publication and thereby dispel rumours that it is being produced by (apologies Professor Crisp) 'a small, politically motivated group' of academics?

Just for a giggle. ASIO's phone number: 49.7415. Give them a buzz so they feel secure in their jobs.

Gorilla commerce. It couldn't be true that Australia's only (allegedly pro-Labor) professional lobbyist has been in Chile doing trade with the junta. Could it?

Social-democratic racism department. Is the rumour true that a student of this university, who has lived in Australia for nine years but chooses not to change his nationality and who is visiting his home country this vacation, has been refused permanent re-entry by the Labor government on the grounds that he is black? Further details next year.

Yellow press racism department. The *Canberra Times* is not a newspaper with a high reputation for radical thinking: it was one of two Australian newspapers which expressed immediate support for the military junta in Chile. The other? The NCC's *Newsweek*.

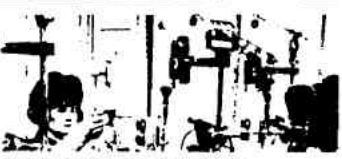
The October 5 issue of *The Slimes* hit a new high with a report by Aviation and Defence correspondent Frank Cranston which aggressively attacked the Chinese government over the RAAF uniforms dispute. The report included a charming piece of good old-fashioned Australian racism: '... it appeared that somebody was going to end up with egg foo yong on his face'.

The Chinese have had bitter experience of the uniforms of foreign military powers in their country over the past century. Australia's military role in Vietnam justifies their apprehension about Australian military uniforms, especially when such a role is related to ignorant prejudice of the type demonstrated above.



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will you work this vac?



The following interview about the prospects for student vacation employment in view of the current employment situation was conducted by WORONI with Ms Maureen Newman, recently appointed Student Employment Officer.

- Q. What sort of prospects do you think students have for obtaining work over this long vacation?
- A. There is plenty of casual work at the moment. Most of the available jobs are for about a week. Reading through the files, there has always been difficulty at this time of the year. There is no light industry in Canberra. I did a radio interview last Tuesday with Brian Minards of Focus on 2CA and we had a very good response.
- Q. What prospects are there in the Public Service?
- A. The same as in recent years with our set-up — there is some long-term work for the whole of the vacation. The Public Service Board doesn't yet know how much — they don't have any departmental figures.
- Q. If students (many of whom depend on

- vacation earnings to get through the year) are unable to obtain employment this year because of the general unemployment situation, would you consider approaching the Department of Labour and Immigration about special provisions to allow affected people to draw unemployment benefits for the three months?
- A. As it stands at the moment, students are ineligible for benefits. It is only people who work permanently full-time who are eligible. The leaflet put out by the Commonwealth Employment Service sets out eligibility for benefits.
- Q. Have you considered approaching the unions about organising vacation employment? Many people would probably be interested in working as builders' labourers, for example. The students' guild at the Western Australian Institute of Technology has experienced some success in this approach, negotiating, for instance, special rates of union dues for students on vacation employment.
- A. Quite a number of students have been

- around the builders — there appears to be quite a bit of work in building. People working as casual labourers have had no difficulties with the unions. I would certainly be interested in some reference material on such schemes.
- Q. What can be done to break down sexist attitudes by employers of students? People who want childminders and housecleaners tend to specify that they want females, and people with labouring and gardening jobs, males.
- A. We had an example this morning! A job that won't take any males. I ask people if they must have male or female, but ultimately it's up to them — they are the employers. People have taken girls on as gardeners, but they are not dependable — they often don't turn up. We have a lot of boys doing housekeeping, ironing, etc.
- Q. Don't some people see students as cheap labour?
- A. No — most people are very reasonable. I insist on seeing that they are fairly paid: I always get the rates sorted out beforehand. It saves any later dispute between the student and the employer.

I check with the College [Canberra CCAE] to see that we are charging the same rate. A student here is generally paid the same as in Sydney. Sometimes even more. The rates are good compared to Sydney.

In regard to the question of unemployment benefits, Woroni contacted the Department of Social Security to determine their attitude. A spokesperson for the Department stated that full-time students will not be eligible for unemployment benefits during the vacation. Neither is a student eligible if he/she is uncertain about the resumption of studies the following year. However, if such a student does not resume studies the next year he/she is eligible for back payment from the commencement of the long vacation providing all the necessary requirements have been fulfilled (having registered for work, genuinely seeking it, etc.). In any period, the Commonwealth Employment Service will attempt to place people who register for work (part-time or full-time) whether eligible for benefits or not.

A day in the life of a middle-class marxist or the phantasy of an ageing mandarin



— REEF! OUR MANDARIN AWAKES TO FIND IT WAS ALL A BAD DREAM, THOUGH IT HAD SEEMED AS REAL & CRISP AS THE DAY, AS HE WENT ON HIS DAILY ROUND OF HIDING FROM POLITICAL STUDENTS IN SEARCH OF PERSONALISED EDUCATION HE WAS FORCED TO FACE THE HUMILIATING POSSIBILITY THAT THE REALITY WAS WORSE THAN THE DREAM. THAT NOT ONE BUT MANY OF THESE MIDDLE-CLASS MARXISTS EXISTED. WERE THEY ALL MANIPULATING EACH OTHER? HOW TO ACCOUNT FOR IT? IT WASN'T SET IN POL. SCI. I. — THINKING! — ACTING AUTONOMOUSLY! QUESTIONING GOV PROFESSORS! — YOU COULDN'T FIT THAT INTO LOBBIES & PRESSURE GROUPS!

TREMBLING, HE ADJUSTED HIS CHINA WALL LOCKS & ENTERING A FINAL 'MIDDLE-CLASS MARXIST!' STAGGERED OFF INTO THE SUNSET OF LIBERAL EDUCATION.

